



# E-NEWSLETTER

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## ISTH MISSION

*To foster and advance science relating to the important medical problems of thrombosis, abnormalities of hemostasis and their underlying vascular biology; to create a forum for discussion of these problems; to encourage research on these problems by scientists of all relevant disciplines; to foster diffusion and exchange of ideas through scientific meetings and publications; to standardize nomenclature and methods as appropriate and timely...*

These are the goals of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis and the principles which drive the Society's international mission.

## MESSAGE FROM GENEVA: XXI ISTH Congress, July 6-12, 2007

In just a few short months, we shall meet in Geneva, Switzerland for the XXI Congress and 53rd SSC meeting of ISTH. Held in the heart of Europe from 6 - 12 July 2007, we offer you the best of both worlds – the beauty and hospitality of our city combined with a high-level educational programme.

The scientific programme will cover the breadth of key topics in our fields. As this newsletter goes to press, more than 300 experts are selecting among the 3200 abstracts submitted by deadline those to be presented as oral communications and those to be featured as posters.

What are the next steps you can look forward to?

If you are an author, you will be informed about the fate of your abstract by

March 30. Then you will have the possibility to register at the "Early Bird" rate until April 13. Two weeks before the Congress opening, the final programme will be available to all of you on the website, thereby allowing you to prepare your own programme and print your personal Abstract Book.

Please visit [www.isth2007.com](http://www.isth2007.com) for more and the latest details. Speaking for our Local Organizing Committee, we all are truly excited to host the XXI Congress. This pleasure is not just for the chance to offer quality science, but for the opportunity to bring full circle a sense of history.

Some of you may recall that the first ISTH Congress gathered together in 1970 in Montreux, Switzerland. This inaugural event gathered only 200 participants. Some



of you who attended the Montreux Congress 37 years ago may still be active in the field and plan to attend the Geneva Congress. If so, I would appreciate having you contact me by e-mail as soon as possible.

We are all enjoyably busy at this time in Geneva as we commit ourselves to making the 2007 Congress a scientifically sound and a socially memorable event.

See you soon!  
Henri Bounameaux, MD

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## NEW ENDOWED LECTURE Named After ISTH Leaders

The International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis announces the creation of an endowed lecture in honor of ISTH leaders Dr. Kenneth M. Brinkhous and Dr.

Harold R. Roberts to take place at the Society's biennial Congress. The inaugural lecture, called the *Kenneth M. Brinkhous Memorial Lecture*, will be given in Geneva

at a Plenary Session of the Society's XXIst Congress to be held July 6-12, 2007.

This endowment is sup-

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## Message from the Editors-in-Chief

Mike Greaves and David Lane

Dear Fellow ISTH Members,  
As many of you will know, as the new joint Editors in Chief of the Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis, we have been handling all new submitted manuscripts since the beginning of 2007. We have expanded the number of Associate Editors in order to give prompt and expert advice to manuscripts. We also have expanded the Editorial Board so that we can receive timely advice about how to adapt to our rapidly changing discipline.

We would now welcome nominations from those of you who wish to join our

panel of expert reviewers. Editors depend heavily upon impartial and critical reviews. These reviews take time to prepare but help maintain JTH in its position as the foremost specialist journal for research in thrombosis and haemostasis. If you are interested in joining the panel, contact one of our editorial offices, either Fee Johnstone ([jth@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:jth@abdn.ac.uk)) in Aberdeen for clinical papers, or Chris Harris in London ([editorialofficejth@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:editorialofficejth@imperial.ac.uk)) for basic papers.

We trust that you will find the review process one that is both educational and rewarding.

## Institutional Subscription Initiative

ISTH Headquarters has been cooperating with our publisher, Blackwell Publishing, to contact ISTH members at educational institutions whose libraries are not currently subscribing to JTH. Blackwell provided a list of these libraries and Headquarters continues to send letters to our members asking their support by recommending JTH to their Periodicals Acquisitions department.

With tight budgets, libraries must limit their subscriptions to the major publications in each speciality area.

If you agree that JTH is one of these essential publications, let your library know.

[http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/JTHLibrary\\_form.pdf](http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/JTHLibrary_form.pdf)

## ISTH General Membership Assembly

The first ISTH General Membership Assembly took place in 1970 at the "The First International Conference of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis" in Montreux, Switzerland.

Due to the importance of this membership meeting, the officers and meeting organizers agreed that the Society's governing Council

should be convened in advance to prepare for the membership assembly. Over the years, the priority of these meetings reversed: Council meetings increasing in length and agenda while the General Membership Assembly contracted, sometimes with more participants on the dais than in the hall.

Nonetheless, the Assembly is your meeting; your opportunity to receive

reports from your elected leaders; and your opportunity to speak—in real time. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate.

**Mark Your Calendar:** The 2007 General Membership Assembly will take in conjunction with the XXI ISTH Congress in Geneva on Tuesday, 10 July from 13:00 to 13:15, immediately after the Presidential Symposium.

## HISTORY: Meetings in Switzerland

Although ISTH Congresses and SSC Meetings enjoy a large attendance by non-members, Society members are faithful participants and supporters of its meetings.

*How many of these meetings have you attended?*

1954 Basel: Organization of the International Committee for the Standardization of the Nomenclature of the Blood Clotting Factors

1959 Montreux: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Committee.

1965 St. Moritz: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Committee

1970 Montreux: First Congress of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis, and 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Committee

1974 Basel: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Committee

2007 Geneva: XXI Congress of the International Society and 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Committee



### Congress Dates to bookmark:

30 March 2007	Notification of abstract acceptance\
30 April 2007	Deadline for guaranteed hotel accommodation
6-12 July 2007	<i>Welcome to All!</i>
10 July 2007	ISTH General Membership Assembly

## THE SOCIETY IN 2007

Members know that the membership year coincides with the calendar year. On the other hand, the Society's programmatic year begins and ends with each annual meeting.

There are a number of transitions for 2007. Here are the current elected and appointed officials of the ISTH. Email links and contact information may be found on the ISTH webpage, [www.isth.org](http://www.isth.org)

### Society Officers

XXI Congress Honorary President:	Fedor Bachmann
XXI Congress President:	Henri Bounameaux
XXI Congress Vice-president:	Bernhard Lammler
Chairman of ISTH Council:	Ian Peake
Secretary/Chair-elect of ISTH Council:	Frits Rosendaal
Immediate Past Chairman:	Ken Bauer

### Members of Council

Class of 2008:	T. Barrowcliffe; G. Broze; D. Meyer; Fr. Rosendaal, A. Yoshioka
Class of 2010:	Ph De Groot; D. Lane; I.R. Peake; U. Seligsohn; D. Wagner
Class of 2012:	M. Berndt; H. Bounameaux; A. Nurden; B. Østerud; P. Reitsma

### Journal Editors and Staff

Co-Editors of JTH Mike Greaves and David Lane

#### JTH Editorial Staff

Managing Editor, Milan	Silvia Malosio
London Editorial Office	Chris Harris
Aberdeen Editorial Office	Fiona Johnstone

### ISTH Committee Chairmen

Awards and Lectureships	Alan Nurden
Congress Presidents	Colin Chesterman
Constitution	Ken Bauer
Education	Uri Seligsohn & Frit Rosendaal
Executive/Nominating	Ian Peake
Finance	Ken Bauer & Ph de Groot
Membership	Trevor Barrowcliffe & Akira Yoshioka
Publications	Pieter Reitsma
Strategic Planning	Ken Bauer

### Scientific and Standardization Committee Officers

President of 54 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (2008)	Paul Kyrle
SSC Chairman	Nuala Booth
SSC Secretary/Chair-elect	Gerhard Johnson
Immediate Past Chairman	Bob Montgomery

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### Awards

ported through an independent education grant from Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.

“Our scientific discipline and the Society that fosters that science owe a great deal to these two pioneers in hemophilia,” said Gilbert C. White, II, M.D., Executive Director, ISTH.



Dr. Brinkhous was a founder of the ISTH and Secretary General for 12 years. Dr. Roberts was a charter member of ISTH when it was organized in 1970. He

subsequently served ISTH a combined 21 years, holding key posts such as Secretary General and Executive Director during his tenure.

“It is an honor to contribute to scientific dialogue at the ISTH Congress – and to be associated with Dr. Brinkhous and Dr. Roberts,” said Angela Rossetti, Assistant Vice President and Global Business Manager, Hemophilia at Wyeth.

Dr. Brinkhous was an Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He died in December, 2000 at age 92.

Dr. Roberts is the Sarah Graham Kenan Professor of Medicine and Pathology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Archives

If you have memorabilia of past meetings or other ISTH activities that you would care to donate, the Society's archives would be pleased to provide a permanent home.

For more information about the records of the Society or to make a donation, you may contact the Executive Secretary at [ccole@med.unc.edu](mailto:ccole@med.unc.edu).

## SSC MISSION

from "Statement of Purpose" SSC Rules and Operating Procedures:

*The Scientific and Standardization Committee is a permanent committee of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis that accomplishes the day-to-day, practical work of the Society and supports the mission of the ISTH by*

- *providing a forum for consideration by internationally recognized experts of practical issues related to thrombosis, disorders of hemostasis and their underlying vascular biology;*
- *supporting scientific subcommittees of international expert researchers working on these problems and their application to clinical issues;*
- *promoting education and the exchange of ideas through scientific meetings and publication of official reports, recommendations and deliberations;*
- *standardizing nomenclature and research methods as appropriate and timely;*
- *providing expert consultation to standards-setting bodies;*
- *liaising with other research organizations and collaborating on timely and important research matters.*

## GETTING INVOLVED

*Have you ever wondered how to become involved in the work of the SSC?*

Express your interest to the chairman of the appropriate subcommittee. Below are the chairmen of the scientific subcommittee for this year. Their complete contact information along with minutes and reports of scientific subcommittee work is found on the ISTH webpage at the SSC section, [www.isth.org](http://www.isth.org)

Animal, Cellular & Molecular Models of Thrombosis

Biorheology

Control of Anticoagulation

DIC

Registry of Exogenous Hemostatic Factors

Factor VIII & Factor IX

Factor XIII & Fibrinogen

Fibrinolysis

Hemostasis & Malignancy

Lupus Anticoagulant/Phospholipid-dependent Antibodies

Perinatal/Pediatric Thrombosis and Haemostasis

Plasma Coagulation Inhibitors

Plasma Kallikrein-kinin System

Platelet Immunology

Platelet Physiology

Predictive Hemostatic Variables and Cardiovascular Disease

Vascular Biology

Von Willebrand Factor

Women's Health Issues in Thrombosis and Haemostasis

Hartmut Weiler

J.W.M. Heemskerk

Sam Schulman

Cheng-Hock Toh

Neville Marsh

Alok Srivastava

Moniek de Maat &  
Rainer Seitz

Colin Longstaff

Martin Prins

Vittorio Pengo

Gili Kenet

Elaine Gray

Keith McCrae

Ted Warkentin

Alan Michelson

Gordon Lowe

Jean-Marie Freyssinet

David Lillicrap

Andra James

## FROM OUR MEMBERS: LINKS OF INTEREST

- [SSC Perinatal/Pediatric Subcommittee: Seven A in Nonhemophilia Bleeding in Pediatrics](#)
- [Working Party on Thrombin Generation Tests: New Collaborative Study on Fluorogenic Methods Questionnaire \(word document\)](#)
- [Subcommittee on Vascular Biology: Questionnaire \(word document\)](#)
- [SSC Working Party on Factor XIII Standardization](#)
- [Bleeding Score And Bleeding Questionnaire For The Diagnosis Of Type 1 Von Willebrand Disease](#)

## Subscription Donation Initiative

In conjunction with the 2007 ISTH Membership Renewal drive, members have been offered the option to donate unwanted print subscriptions of JTH to researchers in developing parts of the world who might not have access to the journal. Seventy-eight (78) members requested that their 2007 print issues be donated.

Recommendations for recipients are welcome. Please contact Mrs. Overcash, ISTH Membership Secretary, [membership@isth.org](mailto:membership@isth.org)

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## ISTH Calendar

The ISTH convenes an international Congress biennially, while the Scientific and Standardization Committee and its scientific subcommittees meet annually. In Congress years, Society and SSC meetings are held in conjunction. Future Congresses will be in these locations:

**XXI ISTH Congress**  
**H. Bounameaux, President**  
**F. Bachmann, Honorary President**  
Geneva, Switzerland  
with  
**53rd Annual SSC Meeting**  
July 6-12, 2007  
<http://www.isth2007.com>

**54th Annual SSC Meeting**  
**Paul Kyrle, Organizing Committee**  
Chairman  
Vienna, Austria  
July 2-5, 2008  
<http://www.med.unc.edu/isth/SSC2008/>

**XXII ISTH Congress**  
**Bruce and Barbara Furie, Presidents**  
Boston, MA, USA  
with  
**55th Annual SSC Meeting**  
July 11-17, 2009  
<http://www.isth2009.com/>

**56th Annual SSC Meeting**  
**Nevine Kassim, Organizing Committee**  
Chair  
Cairo, Egypt  
2010

**XXIII ISTH Congress**  
**Yasuo Ikeda, President**  
Kyoto, Japan  
with  
**57th Annual SSC Meeting**  
July 23-29, 2011

**XXIV ISTH Congress**  
**Frits R. Rosendaal, President**  
The Netherlands  
with  
**59th Annual SSC Meeting**  
2013

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of this date, 2,151 individuals have renewed their membership in ISTH for 2007. There are still 488 (23%) who have not yet renewed, but are welcome to do so. Third and final reminders were sent on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Only members "in-good-standing" may hold elected and appointed positions within the Society. Certain benefits, such as the complimentary subscription to the Society's journal, this E-Newsletter, and Listserve communications are reserved for members-in-good standing.

After two consecutive years of non-renewal, members become Inactive and no longer receive communications, including calls for nominations or ballots for Society-wide elections. Inactive members are restored to Active status upon payment of dues.

Every year the Society loses some members and gains new members. To date, 202 new members have joined the ISTH for 2007.

*Special thanks to all members who have encouraged their young colleagues to join the Society as Associate Members. It is noticed and appreciated!*

Total active membership for 2007 currently totals 2,841.

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